

## HAUNTED "SLAYER" WAS MADHOUSE

Philadelphia Police Doubt Confession in Lewis Murder Mystery.

### ARE UNABLE TO VERIFY IT

Find Little Corroboration of Story, But Learn Man Is Drug Fiend and Asylum Patient.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 1.—After another day's police investigation the Philadelphia police are unable to verify the confession of the Lewis murder mystery. The confession, John G. Price, says he killed Mrs. Mollie Lewis by thrusting a surgeon's lancet through her neck in Charlotte Kelly's rooming house, at 210 North Eleventh street, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, September 10 last.

### Donaghy Still Credits Tale.

Price's many confessions have been so much alike, and he has stood the test of cross-examination so well that Captain Donaghy says he still believes he is telling the truth and did do the murder. Other detectives under Captain Donaghy are also willing to say that they believe the confession.

At 10 o'clock last night Captain Donaghy stated that he had been unable to obtain any substantiation whatever of the important statements in Price's confession. The police are anxious to get verification because without it the man cannot be placed on trial for the murder of Mrs. Lewis.

Price has stated repeatedly that he got the lancet by stealing a case of surgical instruments from a doctor's office in Diamond street, near Eighteenth street. The police have not been able to find a doctor who will say that he lost such a case of instruments, but they say they still have hopes of locating the physician.

Another point in Price's confession seemingly capable of verification was his declaration that after the murder he wrapped the case of instruments in overalls and gave the package to a friend.

### No Trace of Alleged "Pal."

In another respect the police were disappointed. Price had pretended for weeks that he could not tell everything about the murder for fear of "peaching" on his "pal," who was with him in the Kelly house, and saw the stabbing of Mrs. Lewis. But at last he waived these scruples and named the "pal," telling where he had lived and his various hangouts.

Detectives went to the indicated house yesterday, and the occupants declared they had never heard of such a person as the one named by Price.

In one minor point verification of Price's story was obtained by the detectives during the day. The revolver with which Price says he tried to kill himself was brought to Captain Donaghy by a barber, Lewis Geratsky, of 819 Columbia avenue, who says he took it away from Price when he was in the chair talking about suicide.

On the morning of September 11 Price says he and his companion, the murderer did "a small job" in Eleventh street, near Susquehanna. He explains that in running away his "pal" lost his hat. To replace the hat a cap was begged at a house nearby. The police have found the woman who gave one of two men a cap that morning, this by way of substantiation for the confession.

That night, the night of the 11th, Price says, he and his "pal" slept in a stable. This, too, has been corroborated to the extent that the stableman recalls chasing two men away about that time.

### Shooting Story Not Confirmed.

Careful inquiry at the house at 717 Brown street, where, Price says, he shot himself just before he surrendered to the police, does not bring forth strong corroboration of this statement.

Price is supposed to have done the shooting in the hallway while the Seton girl was in the room adjacent with a Mrs. Smith, her dressmaker, and Mrs. Smith's daughter. None of these persons heard the shot, but at first they were disposed to accept Price's statement that he had attempted self-destruction as true.

### At the Gerard House, in Vine, near

Eleventh street, a chambermaid recalls hearing a shot in a room occupied by Price, after Thanksgiving. She went to the room, which was half-filled with powder smoke. He said nothing had happened. The hole through the coat and vest might possibly be traced to this incident.

## TEACHERS' POCKETS DRAINED BY GIFTS

LONDON, Jan. 1.—The school teachers of England who visited the United States under the Mosely scheme have returned with words of praise for what they saw across the ocean. They say that in many cases the American schools are better than those of England.

They criticize the fact that teachers in America have to suffer a heavy drain on their individual pockets to provide children with material for Thanksgiving and Christmas presents.

## BRIDE KISSES 400; GROOM DIDN'T CARE

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 1.—Jacob Glander, who was married to Miss Loda Nieman, has a fine disposition. Immediately after the wedding ceremony his bride began kissing the guests. She kissed 40 within an hour, and then gamely asked if anyone had been overlooked. Her husband said he did not care how many she kissed.

The ceremony was held at a large hall, and was according to an old Jewish custom.

## Bride Is Rope and Prize In Strange Tug of War

Sweetheart Plays Road Agent, Grabs Girl Off Wagon and Pulls Her from Brothers Who Held Her Feet.

DRESDEN, Tenn., Jan. 1.—Just as soon as the parents of Miss Ella Francis discovered that Ed Grief was held over heels in love with her, they kept close guard over her, at church, at school, and at home. The nimble wits of the youthful pair enabled them to keep up a clandestine correspondence with each other, and in her last note to him she said that on the succeeding Sunday morning she was going to visit her uncle in the Hyndersver community and would likely be accompanied by her two brothers, aged fifteen and seventeen years. This tip was sufficient for the young man, and he made preparations accordingly.

### Holds Up Wagon.

He came to Dresden and procured the necessary license. He then secured the services of Squire W. W. Houst, a bosom friend of his, and posted him near the roadside where the wagon was to pass. At the hour of 10 the wagon came rolling along, and, sure enough, the young woman was in it, sitting on the front seat between her two brothers. As it passed Grief came out of the bushes, halted it and reached for his sweetheart.

### The brothers seeing what was about

to happen, whipped the mules, but Grief had taken the precaution to build a rail

fence just across the road in front. He swung on to the wagon and, grabbing the reins, soon brought the team to a standstill.

He seized Miss Francis with both arms around the waist, while the brothers hung on to her feet, but, like all lovers in such cases, he pulled her loose and they struck across the open field to find the justice. He was not very far away, and the knot was tied quicker than winking.

### Live Happy Ever After.

After the marriage the couple, fearing the father, who had just lost a daughter and gained a son-in-law, might carry out his often-expressed desire to trash the life out of both of them if ever this important event which had just occurred did occur, got in the justice's buggy and drove to his house for dinner, where they could at the same time have the protection of the law.

The boys in the meantime had got out of their notion to visit their uncle and had struck for home and told the story. Francis, finding his daughter had been beaten, rode one of the mules back, looking for the fleeing couple.

Squire Houst went out to see him, and after much discussion and persuasion he agreed to take his daughter back and receive his new son-in-law into his family. They put the girl on the mule, while the father and son-in-law walked homeward together.

## NATIONAL UNION PLANS NEW CLUB

Social Organization of Councils Expected to Be Large.

The various councils of the National Union in the District of Columbia are preparing to organize a club for social purposes among the members of the order in this city. It is expected that the club will eventually grow to be one of the largest organizations of its kind in this city.

A temporary organization has been formed and a canvass is being made for members. The permanent organization will be perfected in about two weeks. There are between 4,000 and 5,000 members of the National Union in Washington, and it is believed that fully one-fourth of these will join the new club. Social functions, banquets, and entertainments of various kinds are contemplated as a part of the work of the club, which also hopes to arouse new interest in the order.

### Club Plans Outlined.

At the annual election of officers of the Government Printing Office Council on Saturday night the plans for the new club were explained by representatives from the council.

Proceeding the election the retiring president, J. E. Colton, of the Government Printing Office, made a short but impressive talk on the subject of fraternalism. Following the election the members of the council indulged in a drawing for turkeys, and as a result twelve members of the council will have turkey dinners tomorrow.

### Printers Elect Officers.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, H. J. Redfield; vice president, James R. Armstrong; speaker, William G. Glenn; former president, J. E. Colton; secretary, Joseph Dierken; financial secretary, T. A. Bynum; treasurer, Thomas L. Jones; chaplain, E. D. Norris; usher, Elmer Dement; sergeant-at-arms, John Hogan; doorkeeper, H. L. Lavinson; trustees, J. H. Bacock, H. F. J. Drake, and Milo Shanser. Delegates to the cabinet, H. F. J. Drake, H. T. Brink, Joseph Dierken, James W. Hughes, T. A. Bynum, J. E. Colton, H. J. Redfield, J. R. Armstrong, and C. P. Boss; delegate to the Immediate Relief Association, T. A. Bynum.

## NEWLY FOUND PLANT CURES OPIUM HABIT

SHANGHAI, Jan. 1.—The Malay peninsula has developed a plant that is really more important to this section of the world than the Keeley cure to America. The appetite for opium has been the curse of the Malaysians. This plant, which has not been classified, cures the taste for opium.

Men have been entirely cured by taking the residue of the plant after it has been boiled.

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## GOT LAZIEST MAN AT AUCTION SALE

Cost \$1, and Purchaser Thinks He Paid 99 Cents Too Much.

ELIZABETHTOWN, Ky., Jan. 1.—J. J. Johnson, the blacksmith, who at sheriff's sale bought the services of "Dock" Aubrey, vagrant, for nine months for \$1, now says, after an experience with his investment, that he paid 99 cents more than his purchase is worth.

Johnson says Aubrey is the laziest white man who ever drew breath, and he fears that some day "Dock" will die because he is so lazy he may refuse to even breathe.

Another thing is that "Dock" is about to eat his master out of house and home. Johnson says he can eat more than any man he ever saw.

When "Dock" was bought, his initial job was to help Johnson in the blacksmith shop. The first thing he did was to assist in welding a wagon tire.

"Dock" went to sleep standing up, let the tire fall off the anvil, and caused Johnson to break his hammer in two places.

## BEIT HELPS DOUBLE ENGLISH CHARITIES

LONDON, Jan. 1.—English charities have doubled during the year. In 1906 about \$30,000,000 was distributed for charity. This is double the annual average of the past twenty years. This immense revenue was derived principally from the offerings of four persons, the chief of whom was Alfred Beit, the co-laborer of Cecil Rhodes in South Africa.

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## CUBAN LANDLORDS ASK ANNEXATION

Preparing Petition to Taft Requesting United States Protection.

HAVANA, Jan. 1.—A petition signed by 200 propertyowners is to be sent shortly to Secretary of War Taft asking for the establishment of a protectorate.

The petitioners declare that the appointment of a commission to draw up laws has caused uneasiness among the bankers in Cienfuegos, who may refuse to loan money.

A banker of Havana declares that he will not advance a dollar for sugar raising after June, 1907, unless the United States show that it intends to guarantee peace in Cuba.

## GETS GAINSBOROUGH PAINTING FOR \$15

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Another romance connected with a Gainsborough picture has come to light in London. It concerns a newly discovered portrait of Mary Robinson, the actress, painted in the same style as the famous "Duchess of Devonshire."

It was bought a few weeks ago at auction by Mr. Christian, who has an antique furniture shop in the West End. Mr. Christian gave only \$15 for the picture, which was sold as an unknown artist's work of little value, and was nearly black with neglect. It is now valued at \$50,000.

When Mr. Christian had the picture cleaned and examined by experts it proved to be a real Gainsborough, a charming portrait in his characteristic style of "Perdita," as Mrs. Robinson was called, the unhappy favorite of the gay young Prince of Wales, who afterward became George IV.

## RACE DYING OUT; BIRTHS DECREASE

PARIS, Jan. 1.—The statistics just published by Dr. Meslier on the depopulation of the whole world are startling.

Dr. Meslier says that this is not only caused by artificial means, but also because the whole human race is gradually dying out. Taking the years of 1881 to 1906, he says that for every thousand married women from fifteen to fifty-five years of age taken from different countries the births have decreased in England 18 per cent, 10 per cent in Scotland, 10 per cent in Bavaria, 7 per cent in Italy, 7 per cent in Sweden, 11 per cent in Russia, 17 per cent in France, 17 per cent in Denmark, 18 per cent in New Zealand, 24 per cent in Saxony, 25 per cent in the State of Victoria, and 33 per cent in New South Wales.

### A PROFESSIONAL MAN.

"Are you a Mason, Mr. Smith?" "Well—er—no, I'm a tailor.—Harper's Weekly.

## The Palais Royal

A Puzzle, a Prize, and Best of Bargains

The puzzle is in the omission of words in the explanatory paragraph headed "Best of Bargains." The prize will be Five Dollars' worth of Lingerie to be selected by the patron of the Cotton Underwear Department who brings the nearest solution to the puzzle. Note that the original paragraph is known only to the writer, and will not be divulged until next Monday, when it and the prize winner's solution will be published. Please let your solution bear name and address or some combination of numbers as a means of identification.

## Best of Bargains

Each Asterisk (\*) Represents One Word

Tomorrow morning, promptly at 8 o'clock, \*\* the Annual Clearing Sale in the Cotton Underwear Department. This news \*\*\* for by hosts of regular patrons, many of whom \*\* supplies for distant future as well as present needs. The casual visitor is asked to shut \*\* to the tumbled appearance of this lingerie and open them \*\*\* to the quality of materials, the trimmings, and the finish, when \*\*\* as ridiculously little as they really are. Looking ahead, the new lingerie of 1907 must be priced \*\*\* the greatly increased cost of cottons, embroideries and laces, so that if custom had not made \*\*\* a rule, the old-year garments could be consistently raised \*\* rather than lowered. Regular patrons always have \*\* thoroughly appreciate that this Annual Clearing Sale \*\*\* bargains of every year—the explanatory paragraph \*\*\* for those who have yet to learn. Learn tomorrow—look for and \*\* thousand six hundred \*\*\* of these old-year garments on first and third floor tables. Note that the Palais Royal opens at 8 a. m. for \*\*\* patrons "in office."

**Summary**

The entire remaining 1906 stock of Cotton, Cambric and Nainsook Undergarments is to be divided into lots as follows:

- Lot 1, 15c Some were 25c
- Lot 2, 23c Some were 39c
- Lot 3, 39c Some were 50c
- Lot 4, 44c Some were 75c
- Lot 5, 67c Some were \$1.50
- Lot 6, 98c Some were \$2.50
- Lot 7, \$1.29 Some were \$3.00
- Lot 8, \$1.79 Some were \$4.00
- Lot 9, \$2.29 Some were \$5.00
- Lot 10, \$2.98 Some were \$5.50

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